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Fisher!



"HER NAME IS KYRA. SHE IS A SUNRUNNER, A YELLOW SKINNED RACE OF REMALON WHO HAVE THE ABILITY TO BREATHE FIRE, WHOSE OUTER BEAUTY IS MATCHED BY HER INNER FLAME FOR LIFE.

"WE HAVEN'T KNOWN EACH OTHER LONG, ONLY A NIGHT, REALLY.

YET SHE'S SHOWN MUCH AFFECTION FOR ME."

"ALONG WITH SHAMUS, SHE DEFENDED ME AGAINST XENIF, BUT FELL VICTIM TO HIS RAGE. SHE TOLD ME IT WAS OUT OF LOVE AND THAT I WAS TOO IMPORTANT TO THE CONTINUATION OF OUR KIND TO BE HARMED."

"I NEVER GOT THE CHANCE TO TELL HER HOW IMPORTANT SHE WAS AS WELL

BUT I FEAR HER INNER FLAME WILL SOON BE EXTINGUISHED, FOREVER."

I DIDN'T GET THE CHANCE TO DEFEND HER..."



"BUT I WILL AVENGE  
HER DEATH"

# FORBIDDEN LOVE

PART 4

XENIF!  
MURDERER!



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THIS ISSUE DEDICATED TO THE  
MEMORY OF FELTON 'POPPA FELT'  
TAYLOR.

RRRAAAGH!



UNMUS!





YOU MONSTER!  
YOU TOOK HER  
LIFE WITHOUT A  
MOMENTS  
HESITATION!



WE SOUGHT  
TO WARN YOU!  
YET YOU  
ATTACKED US!

ALL SHE WANTED  
TO DO WAS PROTECT  
ME, TO BE LOVED AND  
YOU TOOK HER LIFE,  
NEVER TO BE  
RETURNED!!

SHE'S GONE  
FOREVER!

HER RACE  
IS GONE  
FOREVER!!



THEN SHE SHOULDN'T  
HAVE GOTTEN IN MY  
WAY!  
AND YOU SHOULDN'T  
HAVE TRIED TO STAND  
BETWEEN MY BELOVED  
AND I.



JUST AS YOU  
ARE...

**NOW!**



BUT NO LONGER.

I WILL PUT AN END TO YOU  
AND YOUR ANNOYING  
INTERVENTIONS NOW,  
ONCE AND FOR ALL!

XENIF, PLEASE!  
THIS IS CRAZY!

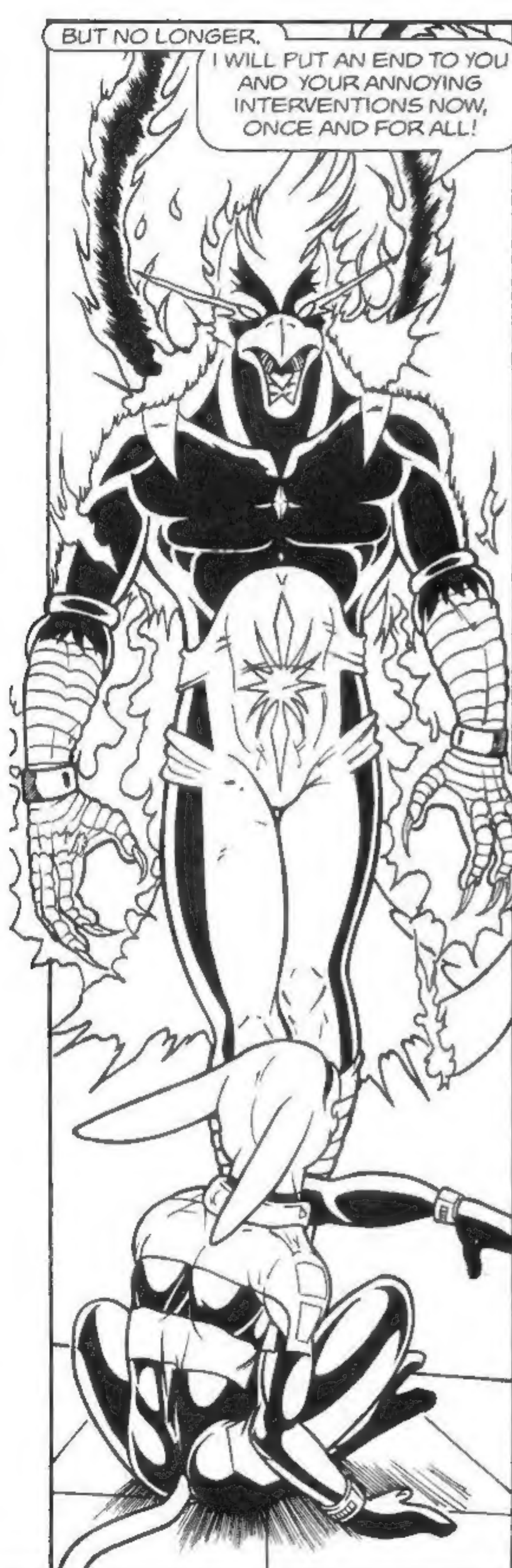
YOU HAVE ME, LET  
THEM GO! NO MORE  
BLOODSHED!

NO! KYRA  
WILL BE  
AVENGED!

FOOL!

I CAN'T LET YOU  
DO THIS UMNUS!

SHAMUS? WHAT  
ARE YOU ...







LORD XENIF!  
IS ALL WELL?

NO YOU IDIOT! HAVE THE CASTLE  
IT ISN'T! SEARCHED.



TAKE THESE TREACHEROUS  
WENCHES TO THE DUNGEON  
AND DISPOSE OF THAT  
BODY.

AND KNOW THIS, ONLY  
BY PHENIX'S WISHES  
DO YOU STILL  
LIVE.



AM I TO BE TAKEN  
AS WELL, MASTER?

COME PHENIX, LET'S FIND  
QUIETER NESTING.

THANK YOU MASTER,  
IT WAS MY PLEASURE.

ONYX?  
NO, YOU'VE  
SERVED ME WELL AND  
WILL BE REWARDED.









GRRRR....  
DO I BOTHER YOU WHEN  
YOU HAVE A GUEST OVER?

NOOO... BUT EVERY TIME...

HE'S HUGE!

SORRY, SORRY. I  
WOULDN'T HAVE  
BOTHERED YOU  
IF IT WASN'T  
REALLY  
IMPORTANT.



DRE? IT'S GETTING COLD...

SIGH.  
IN A  
MOMENT  
DEAR.  
SPEAK  
FAST  
LUC.

WE NEED  
A RIDE.

TO THE  
FLYING  
ISLANDS.



YOU WHAT!  
THAT'S THE HEAVIEST  
GUARDED PLACE IN THE  
GARDEN, NEXT TO THE  
GREAT TREE!

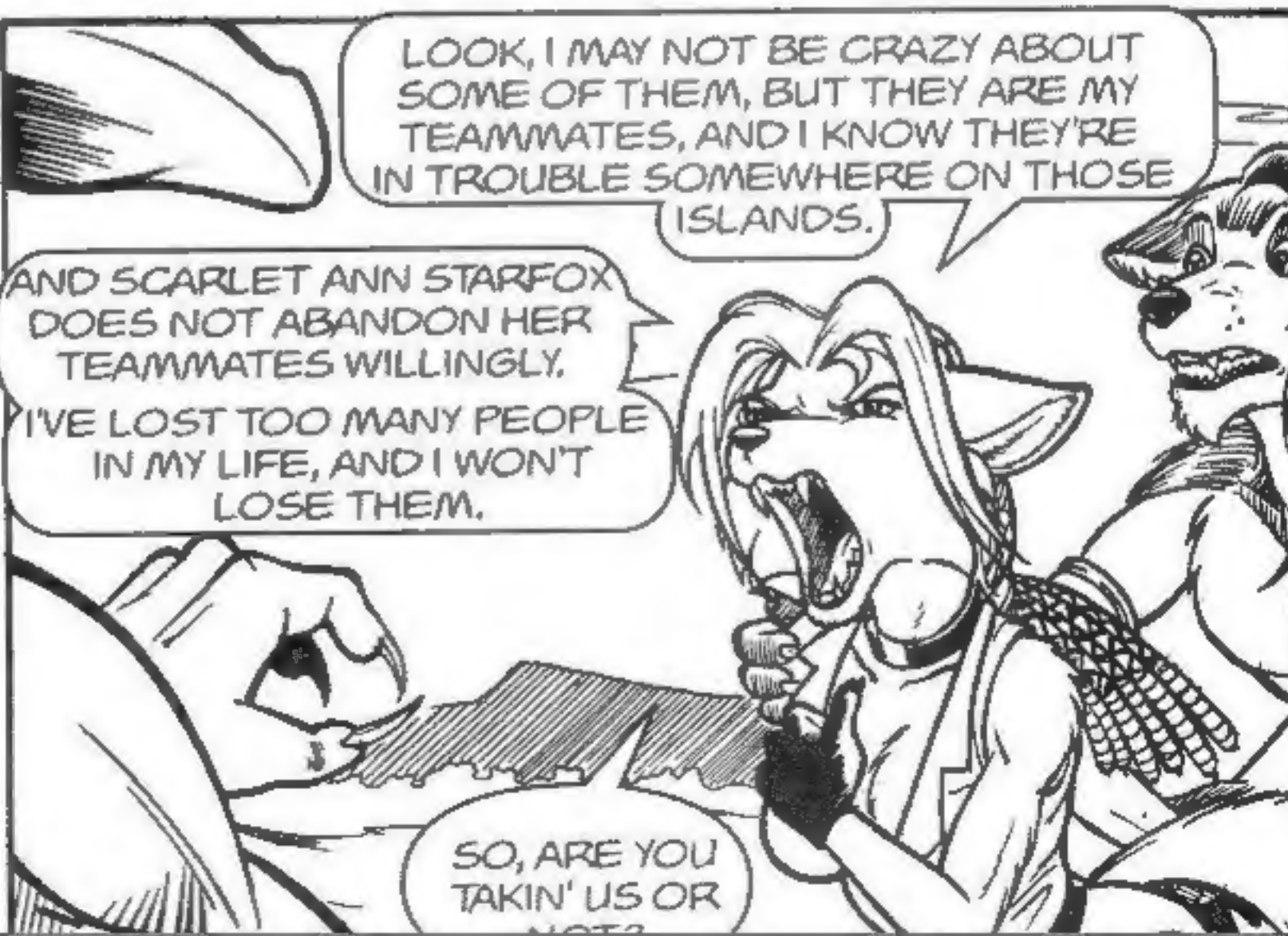


LOOK, I JUST NEED YOU  
TO SHOW ME WHERE IT  
IS. I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE  
THE REST, SCALEY.



WHAT'S A FURBALL LIKE YOU  
GOING TO DO, ESPECIALLY  
AGAINST A PHOENIX?

YOUR BRAIDS ARE TOO  
TIGHT FEM IF YOU THINK  
YOU STAND A CHANCE.



LOOK, I MAY NOT BE CRAZY ABOUT  
SOME OF THEM, BUT THEY ARE MY  
TEAMMATES, AND I KNOW THEY'RE  
IN TROUBLE SOMEWHERE ON THOSE  
ISLANDS.

AND SCARLET ANN STARFOX  
DOES NOT ABANDON HER  
TEAMMATES WILLINGLY.  
I'VE LOST TOO MANY PEOPLE  
IN MY LIFE, AND I WON'T  
LOSE THEM.

SO, ARE YOU  
TAKIN' US OR  
NOT?





HA HA HA HA!  
I'LL GIVE YOU THIS  
LUCUS; SHE'S GOT  
CLAWS.  
BETTER THAN A  
LOT OF THE FEMS YOU  
USUALLY BRING  
HOME

OKAY, YOU WIN.  
I'LL TAKE HER.



WHAT'S SO FUNNY AND WHY  
ARE YOU GOING TO THE  
ISLANDS, DRE?

SUNDANCE.  
SOMEONE IS IN  
TROUBLE AND MY  
FRIEND NEEDS  
MY HELP.



I WILL GO  
WITH YOU.

NO LOVE, STAY  
HERE WHERE  
IT'LL BE SAFE.  
I'LL BE  
OKAY.



COULD YOU GET  
MY HARNESS AND  
CLOTH?

SIGH.  
VERY WELL.

LUCUS!  
LUCUS!



KRYSTIN?

LUCUS, ONE OF  
THE NIGHT GUARDS  
SAW JERAN TAKING A  
SKYRAY TO THE  
FLYING ISLANDS!

BUT WHY  
WOULD HE GO  
THERE?



THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUT.  
I'VE HAD SUSPICIONS FOR MONTHS THAT HE  
WAS SOMEHOW INVOLVED WITH MOTHER AND  
FATHERS DISAPPEARANCE, BUT HAD NO  
PROOF. THIS MAY BE THE EVIDENCE  
WE NEED.

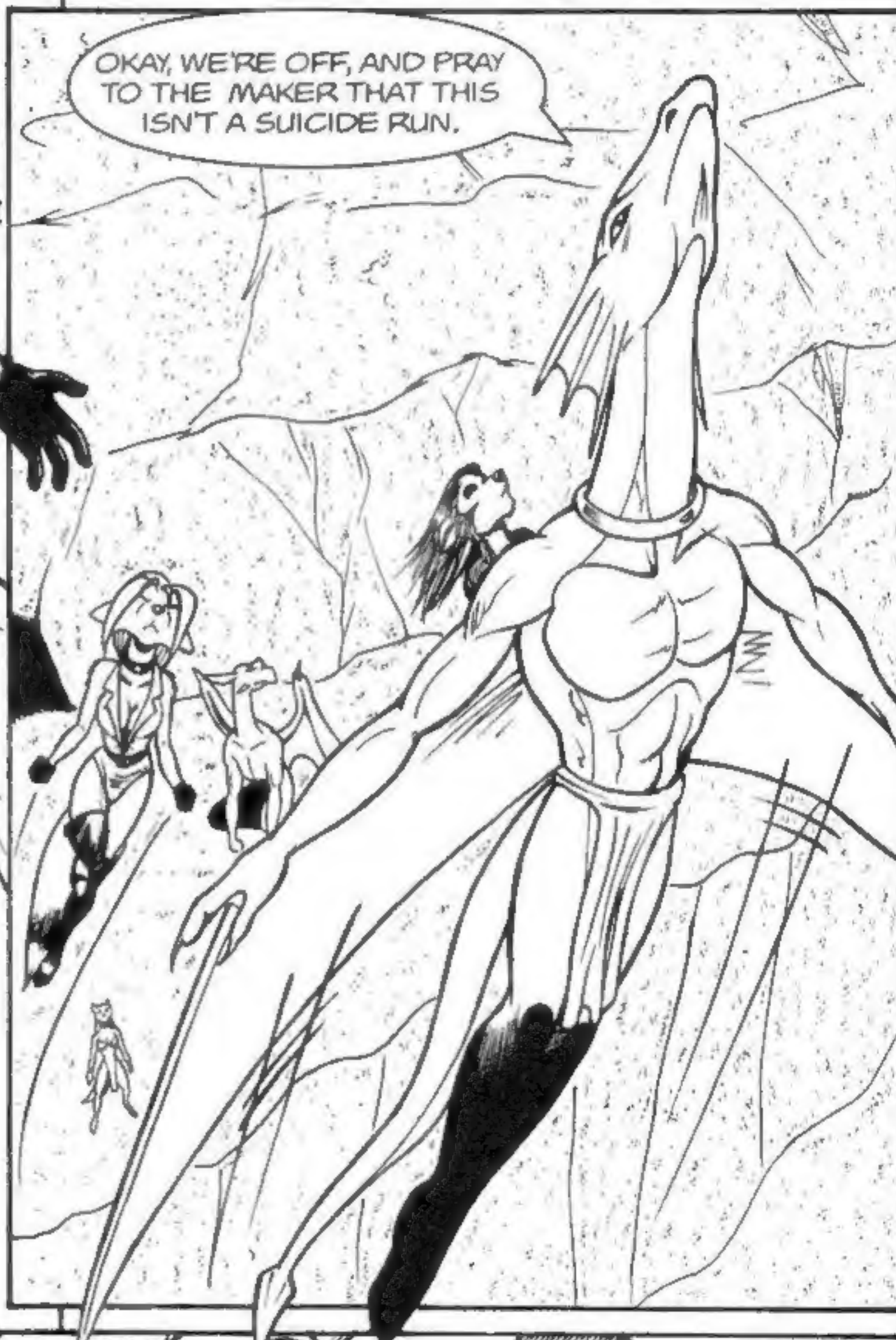
HERE, LET ME  
HELP YOU UP,  
SCARLET.



THAT'S OKAY.  
I CAN PROVIDE MY  
OWN TRANSPORTATION.  
JUST LEAD THE  
WAY.



OKAY, WE'RE OFF, AND PRAY  
TO THE MAKER THAT THIS  
ISN'T A SUICIDE RUN.



ARE WE THERE  
YET?





WE'RE JUST ABOUT THERE,  
MY YOUNG FRIEND. THE ONE  
I TAKE YOU TO KNOWS MUCH  
ABOUT THE GARDEN AND OUR  
FOE.

IN TRUTH, YOUR COMING TO THIS LAND  
WAS FORETOLD, THOUGH I DIDN'T

BELIEVE IT UNTIL I  
SAW YOU ALL FALL  
FROM THE  
SKY

PROPHET, I HAVE BROUGHT  
THEM AS YOU ASKED.

AH, YES.

SO THE VISIONS  
HAVE COME  
TRUE. COME IN,  
COME IN,

WE ARE IN NEED OF  
YOUR ASSISTANCE. OUR  
COMRADE HAS BEEN  
KIDNAPPED BY AN AVIAN  
NAMED XENIF.

AH, AND YOU SEEK TO  
GAIN KNOWLEDGE OF HOW  
TO DEFEAT THE DARK STAR  
CHILD, YES?

"I KNOW OF THE ONE YOU SPEAK OF, AND THE  
ONE YOU SEEK TO RESCUE. THEY ARE BOTH  
ONE HALF OF THE SAME COIN, THIS XENIF AND  
THE FEMALE AVIAN PHENIX"

"DO NOT BE SURPRISED. MINE IS  
THE GIFT OF PROPHECY, YOU'RE COMING  
WAS FORESEEN MANY CYCLES AGO.  
MY KNOWLEDGE OF THESE TWO PARTICULAR  
PHOENIXES IS VERY EXTENSIVE."

"LISTEN AND I WILL TELL  
YOU THEIR TALE."



PHOENIXES ARE SEMI-IMMORTALS.

WHILE THEY CAN DIE, THEY ARE REBORN ANEW, EXCEPT WITH A NEW BODY AND PERSONALITY.

THE MEMORIES OF ITS PREDECESSOR ARE PASSED ONTO THE NEWBORN HATCHLING.

"HOWEVER, ONE PHOENIX, BY THE NAME OF PHIONIX, DID NOT HEED THE WARNING OF HIS ANCESTORS AND FELL IN LOVE WITH A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG FEMALE AVIAN NAMED PHELIA.

"THEIRS WAS A LOVE OF LEGEND THAT RAN DEEP AND THEY LIVED A LONG AND HAPPY LIFE TOGETHER."

THEY ARE FREE TO ROAM THE GALAXY AS THEY PLEASE, BUT OFTEN CHOOSE A PROTECTORATE TO LIVE OUT THEIR DAYS.

OFTEN THEY LIVE OUT THEIR LIVES AMONGST MORTALS PEACEFULLY, BUT THEY ARE FORBIDDEN TO FALL IN LOVE WITH ONE, FOR THEIR LIFE CYCLES WOULD FAR SURPASS THAT OF ANY MORTAL LOVER AND THE PAIN THEY'D FEEL WOULD BE GREAT.

"BUT, AS WITH ALL MORTALS, HIS BELOVED'S LIFE WOULD SOON RUN ITS COURSE, AND THE GREAT SPIRIT

COLLECTOR CAME TO CLAIM WHAT, BY RIGHT, WAS HIS."

"PHIONIX, HEARTBROKEN, REFUSED TO ALLOW THE DEATH SEEKER TO

COLLECT HIS BELOVED'S SPIRIT."

"INSTEAD, HE CALLED UP HIS STAR BLADE AND CHALLENGED DEATH HIMSELF, REFUSING TO LET HER GO WITHOUT A FIGHT."







DEATH VERSES  
EVER RENEWING  
LIFE

"THEIR BATTLE WAS  
THE FIERCEST EDEN  
HAD EVER SEEN.

PHIONIX FOUGHT  
NOBLY. "



"BUT ALAS, THIS  
WAS A FIGHT THAT  
NOT EVEN HE  
COULD WIN."



"PHAROBUS THIS TIME WAS VICTORIOUS  
IN HIS LONG RIVALRY WITH THE  
PHOENIX RACE AND TOOK HIS PRIZE,

LEAVING PHIONIX WITHOUT  
HIS STAR BLADE AND HEART  
BROKEN."

'BUT SOON SORROW WOULD  
TURN TO BLIND RAGE.

PHIONIX WAS CONFUSED ABOUT  
WHY HIS BELOVED HAD LEFT HIM  
ALONE.

HE ENVIED THOSE WHO COULD  
LIVE OUT THEIR LIVES WITH  
THE R MATES, SO HE LASHED  
OUT AT THEM.

HE FELT CURSED BECAUSE  
HE WOULD BE FORCED TO  
CONTINUE LIVING WITHOUT  
HER."

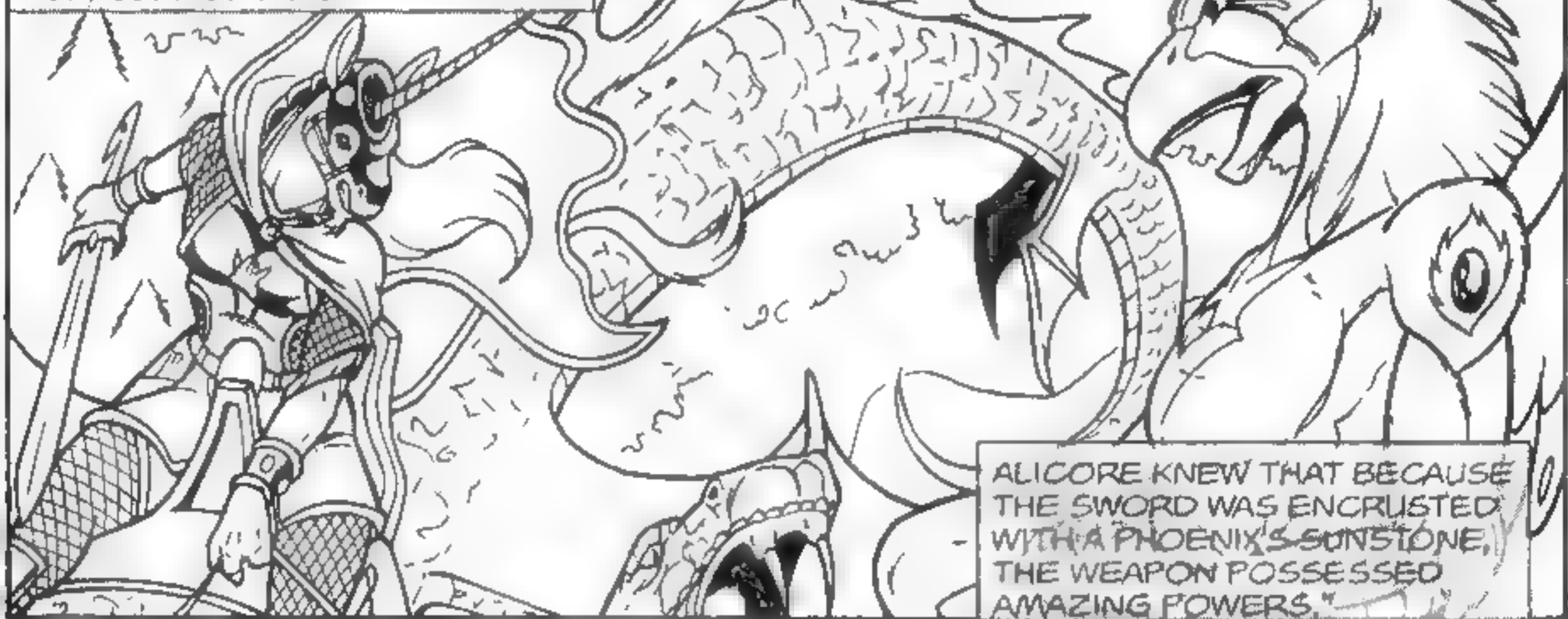


"HIS HEART GREW BLACK  
AND THE ONCE PROTECTOR  
OF LIFE, BECAME THE  
HARBRINGER OF DEATH."

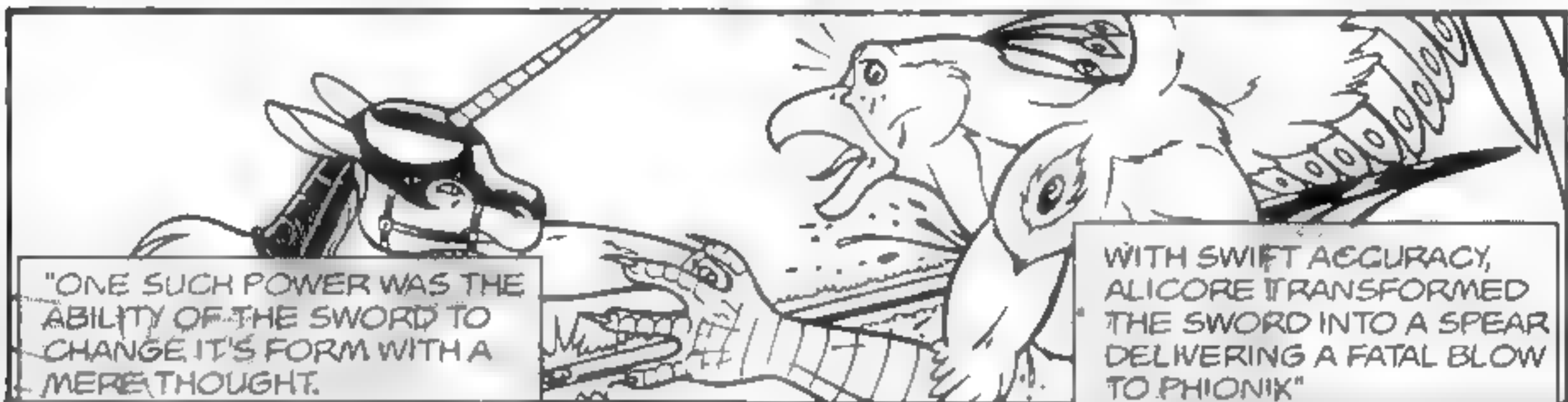




"IT WAS THE UNICORN KING ALICORE WHO FOUND PHIONIX'S STAR BLADE AND BRAVED TO CHALLENGE HIM.



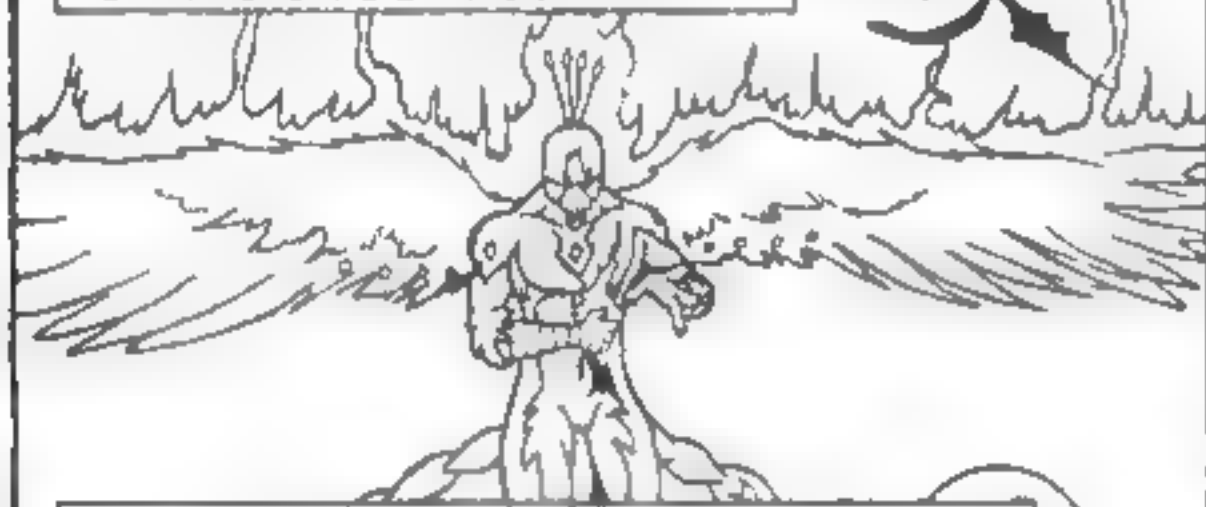
ALICORE KNEW THAT BECAUSE THE SWORD WAS ENCRUSTED WITH A PHOENIX'S SUNSTONE, THE WEAPON POSSESSED AMAZING POWERS.



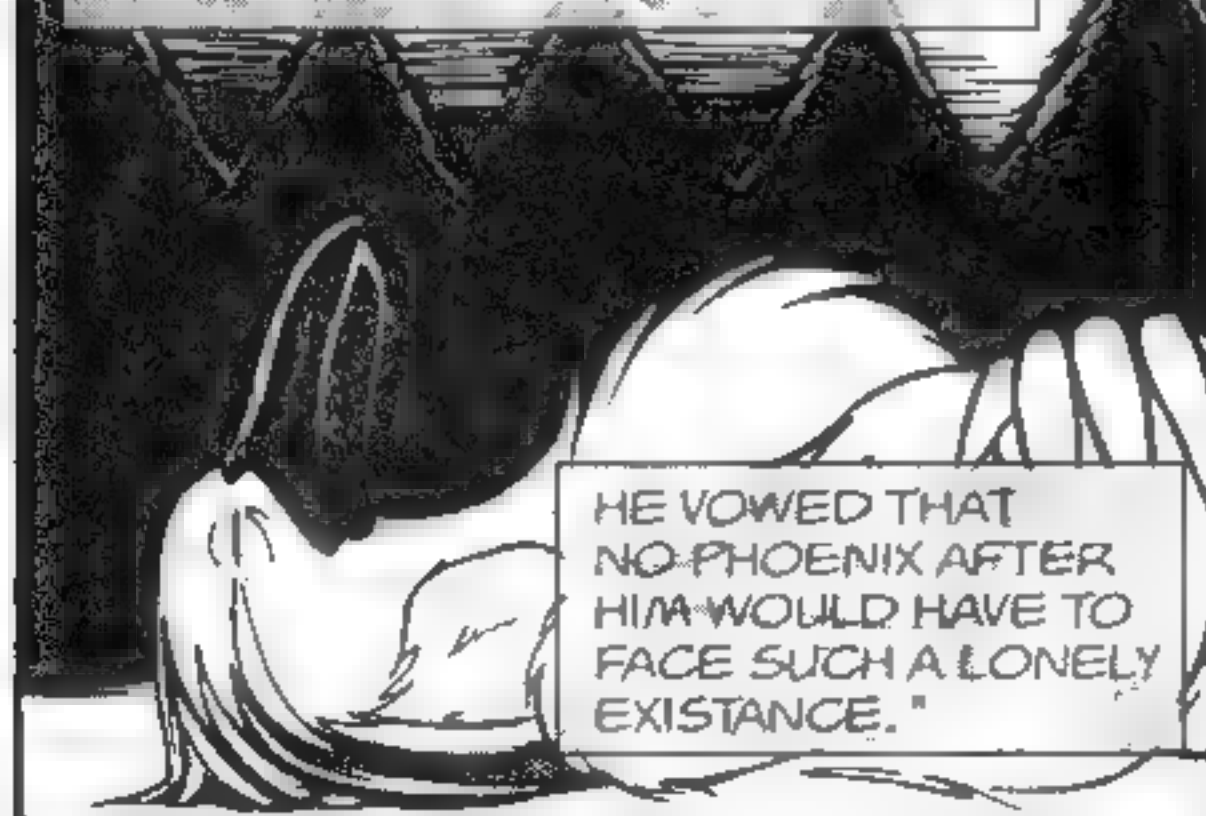
"ONE SUCH POWER WAS THE ABILITY OF THE SWORD TO CHANGE IT'S FORM WITH A MERE THOUGHT.

WITH SWIFT ACCURACY, ALICORE TRANSFORMED THE SWORD INTO A SPEAR DELIVERING A FATAL BLOW TO PHIONIX"

"HIS LIFE FLAME FADING, PHIONIX ONCE AGAIN RETURNED TO THE BODY OF HIS BELOVED.

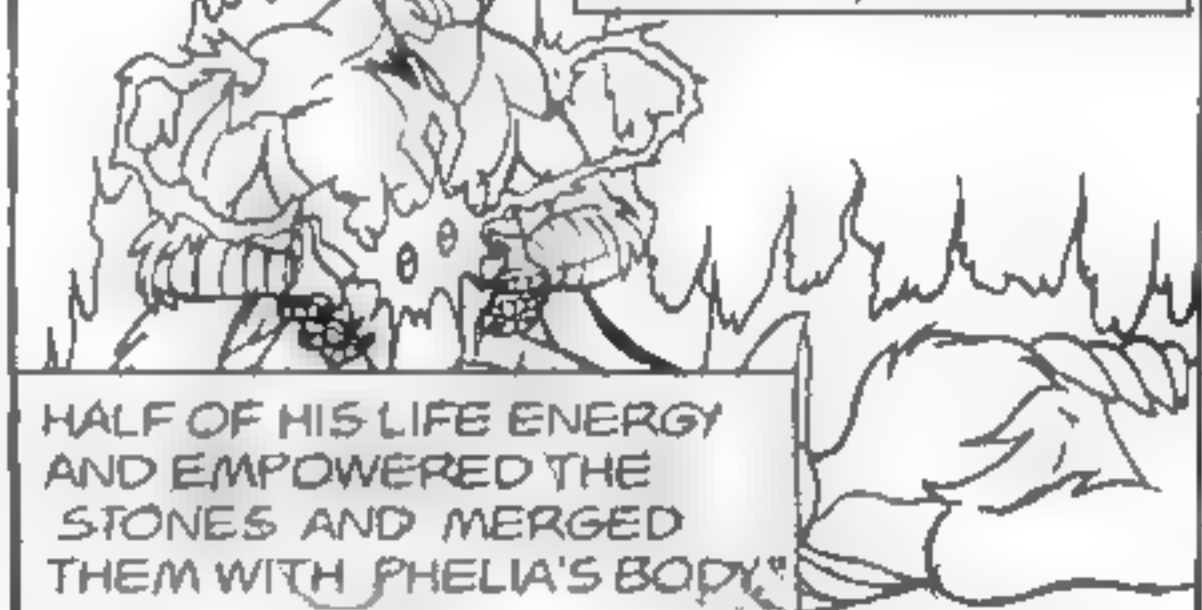


THE CONFLICT HAD OPENED HIS EYES TO THE DESTRUCTION HE CAUSED AND HE WAS SADDENED.

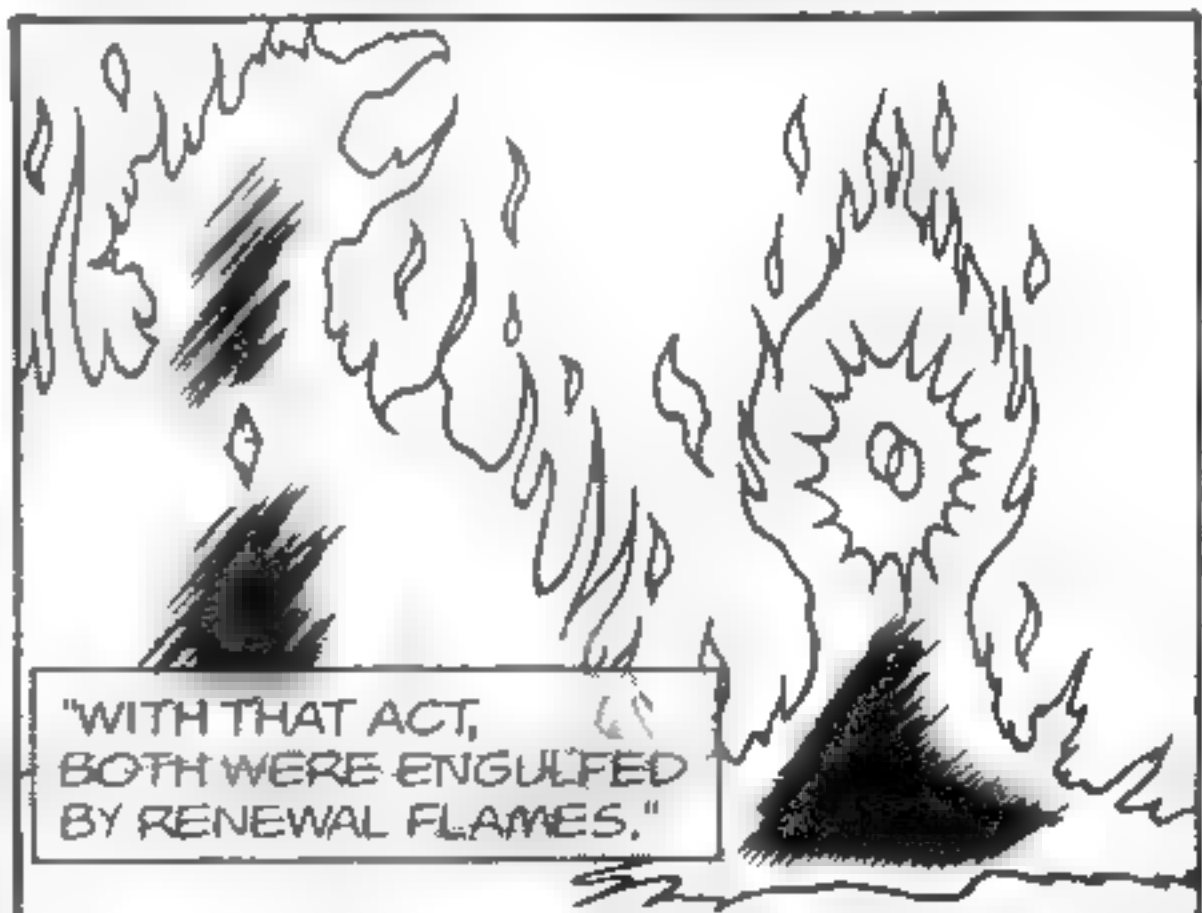


HE VOWED THAT NO PHOENIX AFTER HIM WOULD HAVE TO FACE SUCH A LONELY EXISTANCE."

"TAKING TWO OF HIS SUNSTONES FROM HIS BODY, HE DIVIDED



HALF OF HIS LIFE ENERGY AND EMPOWERED THE STONES AND MERGED THEM WITH PHELIA'S BODY."



"WITH THAT ACT, BOTH WERE ENGLUFED BY RENEWAL FLAMES."

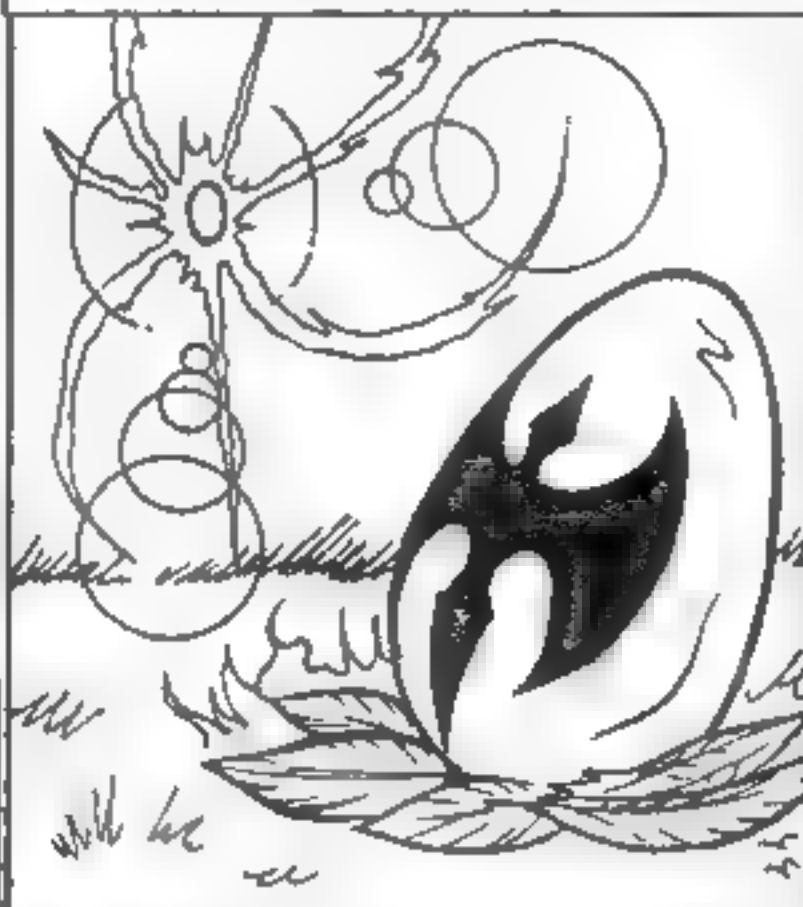


"FROM THE FLAMES, TWO EGGS WERE FORMED, ONE WITH A MALE AND ONE WITH

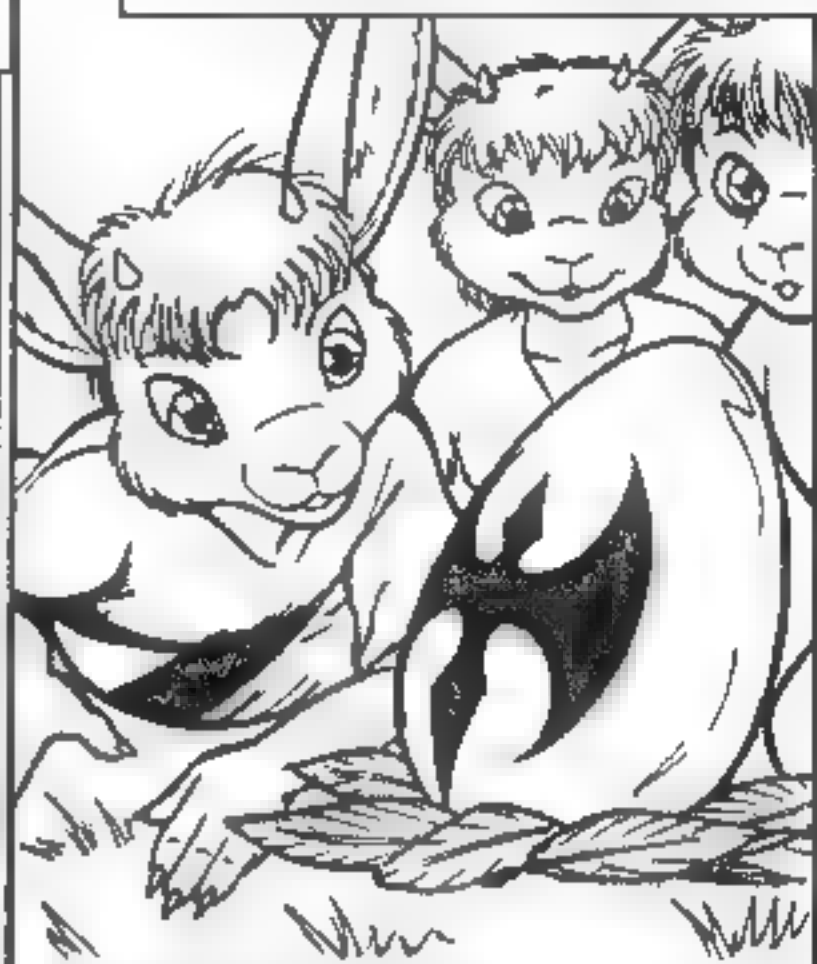


THE FIRST FEMALE PHOENIX. FOR YOU SEE, NORMALLY PHOENIXES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN MALE."

"AND BECAUSE ONLY ONE PHOENIX CAN EXIST ON A PLANE OF REALITY AT ONCE, ONE DISAPPEARED TO ANOTHER DIMENSION."



"THE REMAINING EGG WAS FOUND BY A GROUP OF YOUNG JACKALOPEES, MYSELF INCLUDED."



"THAT EGG WOULD HATCH TO BE PHENIX, WHOM WE RAISED. TO MY FAMILY'S SURPRISE, WE MANAGED TO LIVE MUCH LONGER THEN NORMAL JACKALOPEES."



XENIF HATCHED FROM THE OTHER EGG IN A PARALLEL UNIVERSE, AND IT WOULD SEEM THAT INSTINCT HAS DRIVEN HIM TO SEEK HER OUT AND UNIT WITH HER.



"YOU KNOW, THE STORY'S GREAT AND ALL, BUT HOW DOES THAT HELP US WITH OUR CURRENT PROBLEM?"



IT'S SIMPLE WALICE.

XENIF AND PHENIX ARE LIKE TWO MAGNETS, DRAWN TO ONE ANOTHER. IF XENIF PAIRS WITH PHENIX, THEIR TWO HALVES OF THE PHOENIX ESSENCE WILL BECOME WHOLE.



PROPHET, WE HAVE TO REACH HER. IF THEY UNITE WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GET THEM BACK.

YOU MAY TAKE MY SKYRAYS.



TAKE CARE, YOUNG ONES.

THE SUN WILL SOON  
SET, AND THAT WILL BE  
YOUR ADVANTAGE, SINCE  
A PHOENIX'S STRENGTH  
IS GAINED FROM THE  
SUN.



DO YOU THINK  
THEY WILL  
SUCCEED?

PERHAPS, THEY MAY  
RESCUE MY DAUGHTER,  
BUT NOT ALL OF THEM  
WILL COME FROM  
THIS BATTLE WHOLE.





I SWEAR, TAKE ANOTHER STEP AND I'LL CLOCK YOU AGAIN.



THERE'S PLENTY MORE VASES WHERE THAT ONE CAME FROM.

I TOLD YOU I'D NEVER HARM YOU. I ONLY SOUGHT TO PROTECT YOU.



DON'T YOU DARE!

DON'T YOU DARE SAY YOU DID IT FOR ME!

SMASH!



YOU KILLED HER WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT! HOW CAN YOU CLAIM TO LOVE ME WHEN YOU'VE SHOWN YOU CAN BE SO HEARTLESS!



YOU QUESTION MY LOVE FOR YOU? AFTER I'VE TRAVELED GALAXIES, SECURED A HOME, AND CARE TO YOUR EVERY NEED?



I HOPE I GIVE YOU FLEAS!



I'LL, I'LL SHOW YOU HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU!



SPIRITS! HIS TOUCH, SENDING JOLTS THROUGHT MY WHOLE BODY LIKE A PULSAR.







MAELSTROM HAS A PHOENIX'S STARBLADE. WITH IT, HE INTENDS TO KILL XENIF AND PHENIX.

YES, BUT PHENIX IS AN INNOCENT. SHE'S AS MUCH A PRISONER HERE AS YOU ARE.

GOOD RIDDANCE, THEN THAT CARRION EATER HELPED OUR SON PUT CANAS AND I HERE.

YOUNG ONE, WAIT. YOU MUST RELEASE OUR LORD. HE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS THE TRUE POWER OF THE STARBLADE.

SHE SPEAKS THE TRUTH.

RELEASE ME AND I GIVE YOU MY WORD, AS SON OF ALICORE, I UNICORE, WILL HELP PUNISH MY BROTHER-

-MAELSTROM FOR THE HAVOC HE'S CAUSED UPON THIS LAND.

OK, QUICKLY, BEFORE ANY GUARDS RETURN TO...

GASPIE

THEY'RE FREE!

LIEUTENANT, KILL THEM!





WE WOULD HAVE WORDS WITH YOU, SON.

DROP THE SPEAR SOLDIER.



LORD UNICORE!  
I THOUGHT...

EARTHQUAKE!



OOH, THIS IS AMAZING.  
I'VE NEVER FELT SUCH POWER IN MY HANDS BEFORE.

IT CHANGES SHAPE WITH NOTHING BUT A THOUGHT.



YES, AND WITH IT, WE'LL KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STROKE.



AND TOGETHER WE'LL RULE THIS REALM.

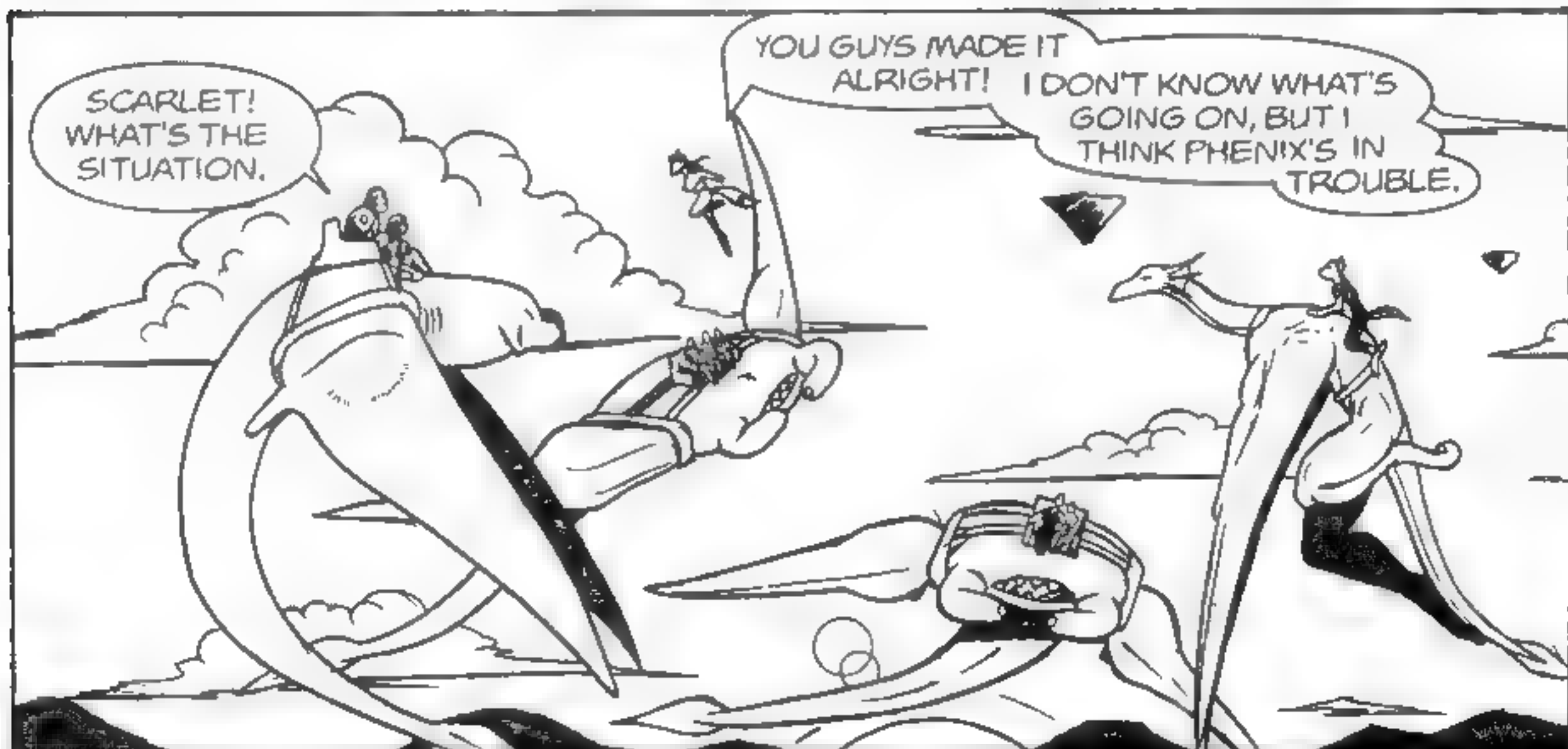
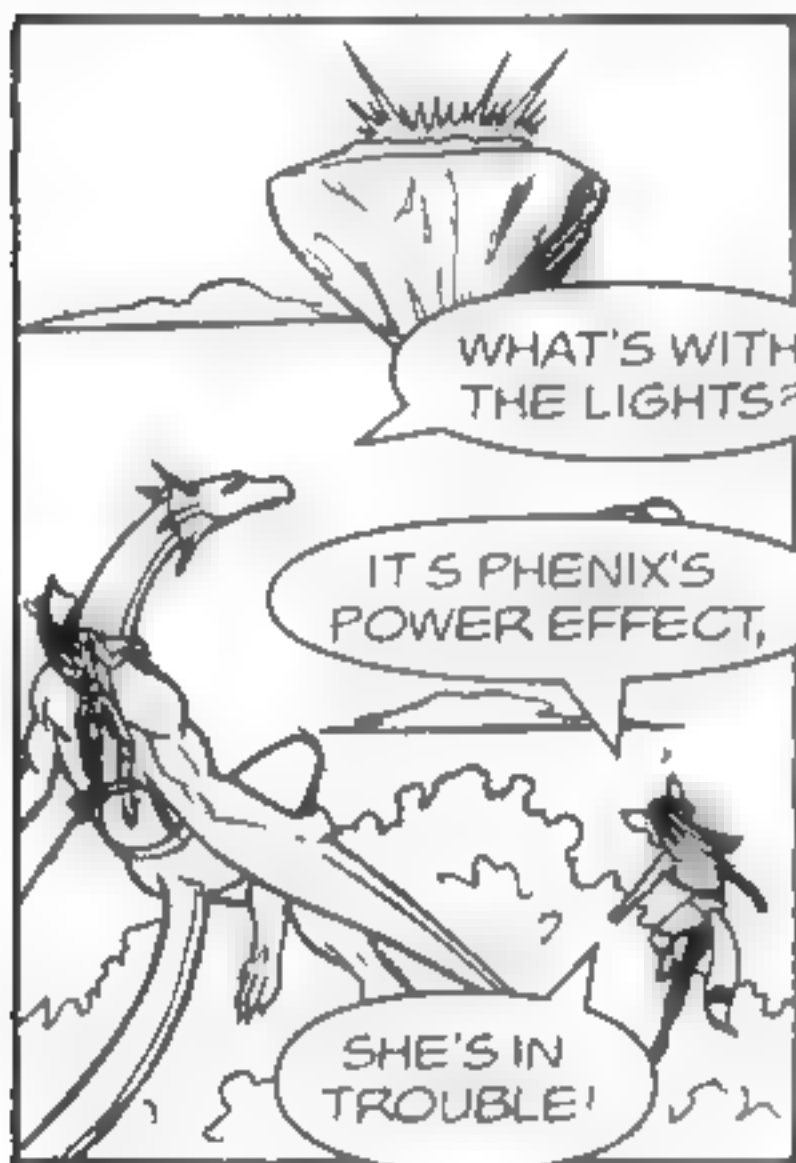
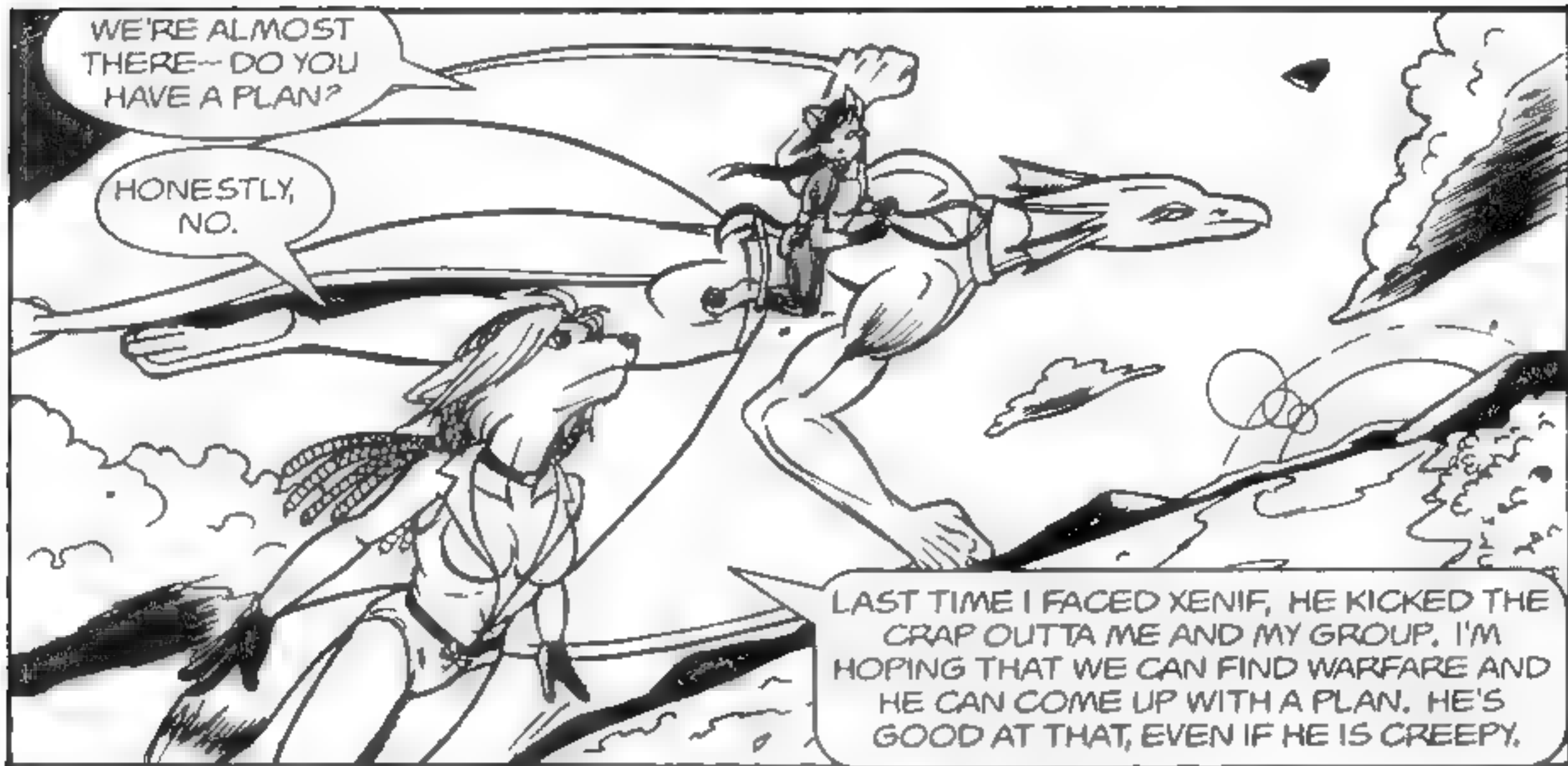
YES, MY STALLION.



WHAT? THE CASTLE IS SHAKING!

THAT CRY!  
IT'S THE PHOENIXES!







GASP! AN EXPLOSION!



THE CEILING'S COLLAPSING! FIND COVER!!



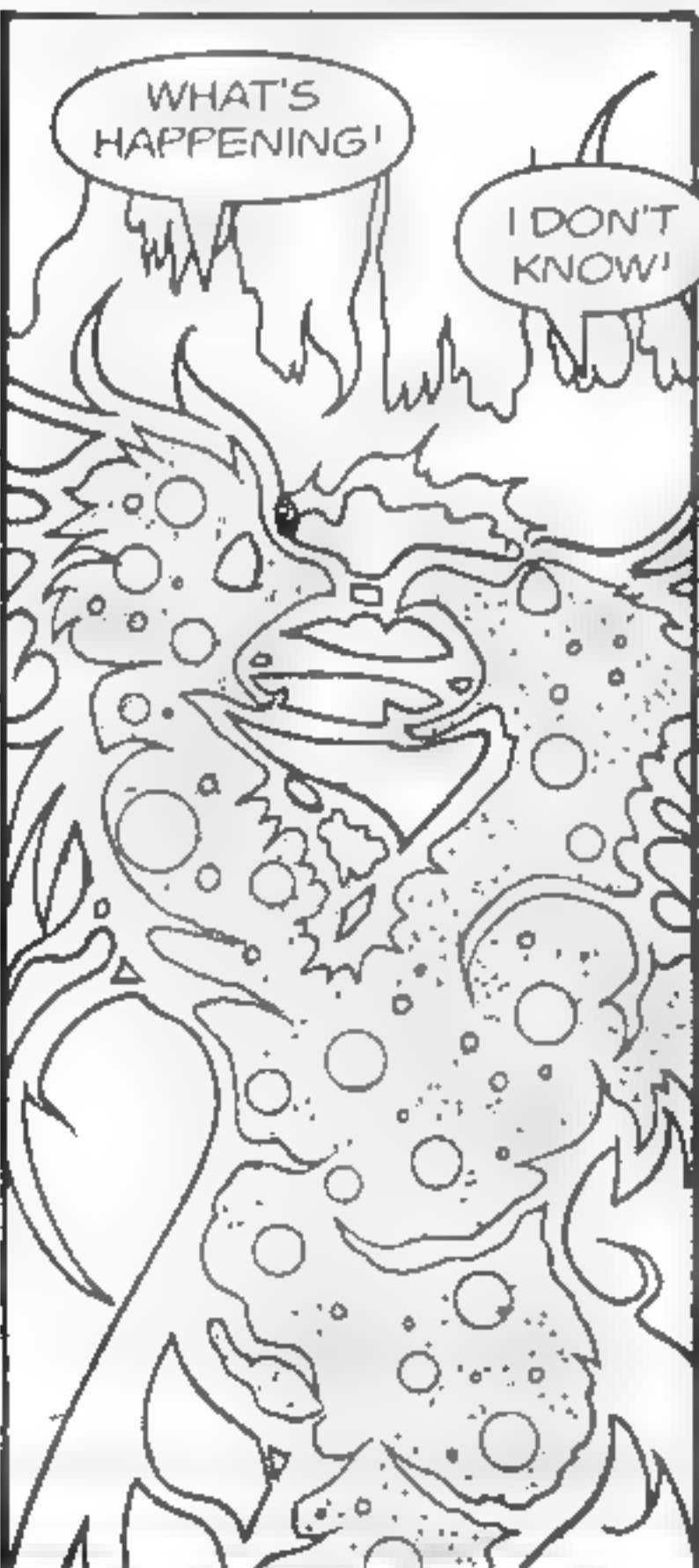
I KNEW I SHOULD HAVE TAKEN CARE OF THIS SOONER!

DAMN! THEY'RE BRINGING MY CASTLE DOWN!



WHAT'S HAPPENING!

I DON'T KNOW!



OUR POWERS ARE MERGING! OUR BODIES ARE MERGING!



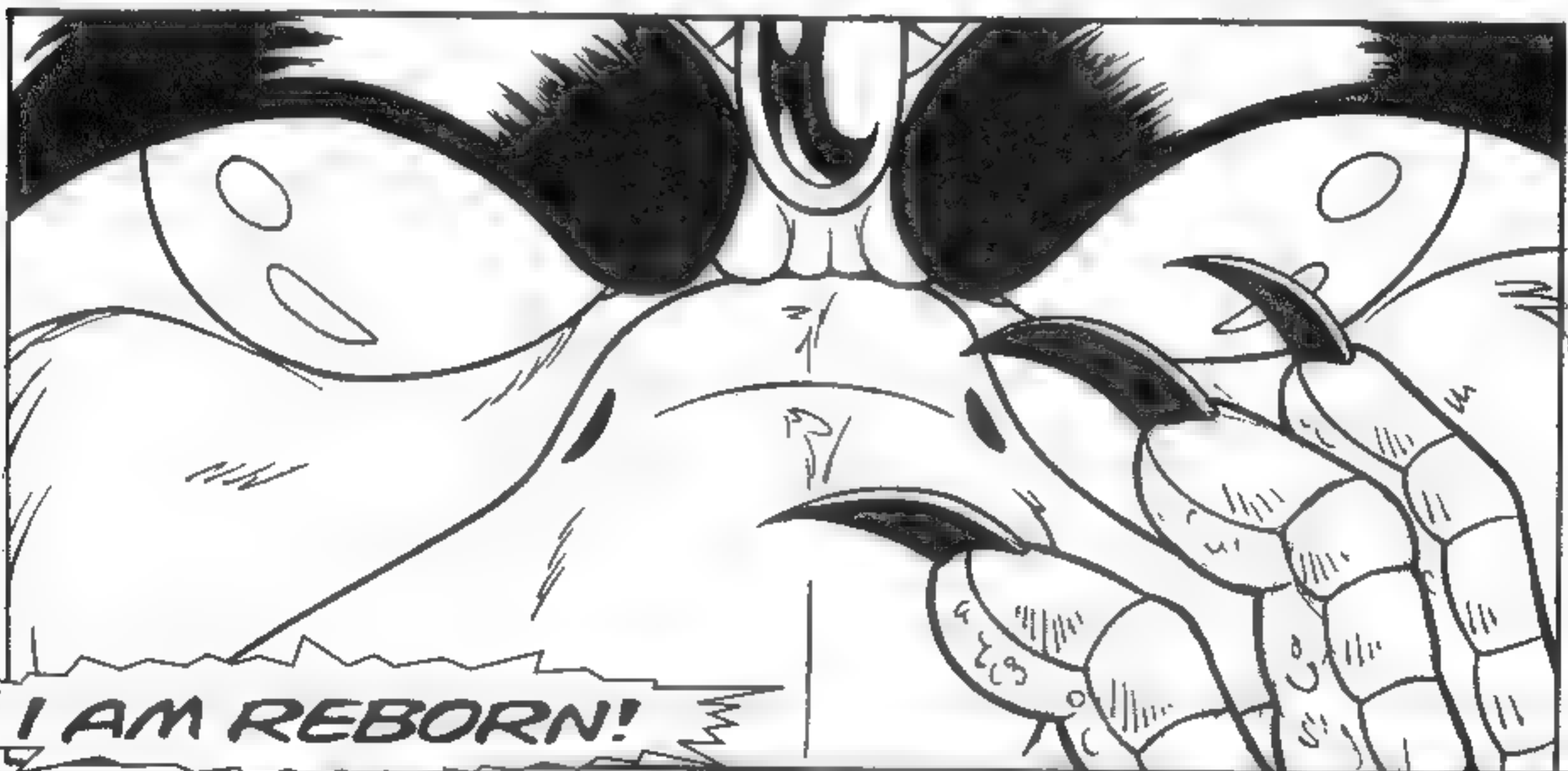
YESS!

WE ARE ONE AGAIN!



XENIFI!

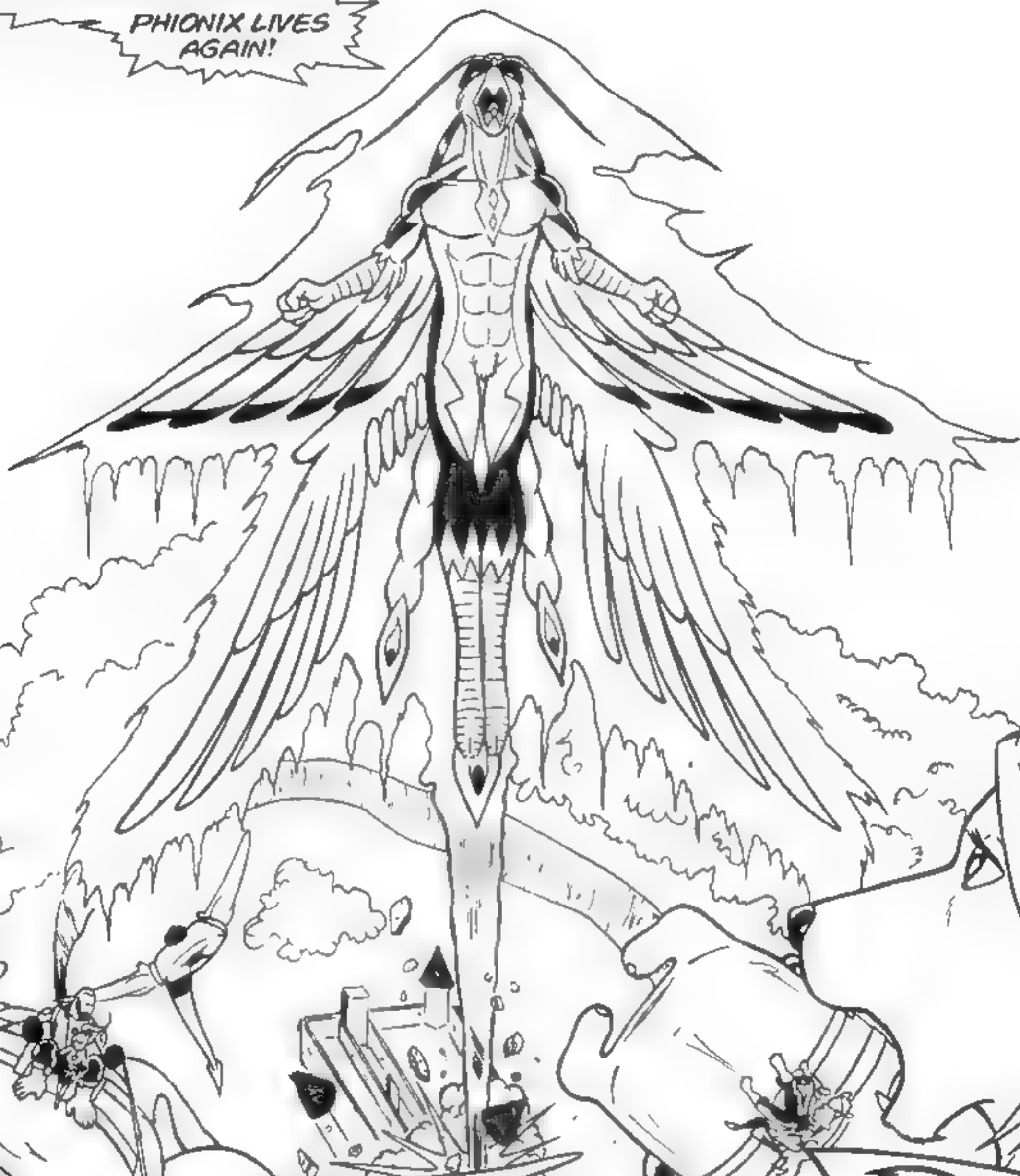






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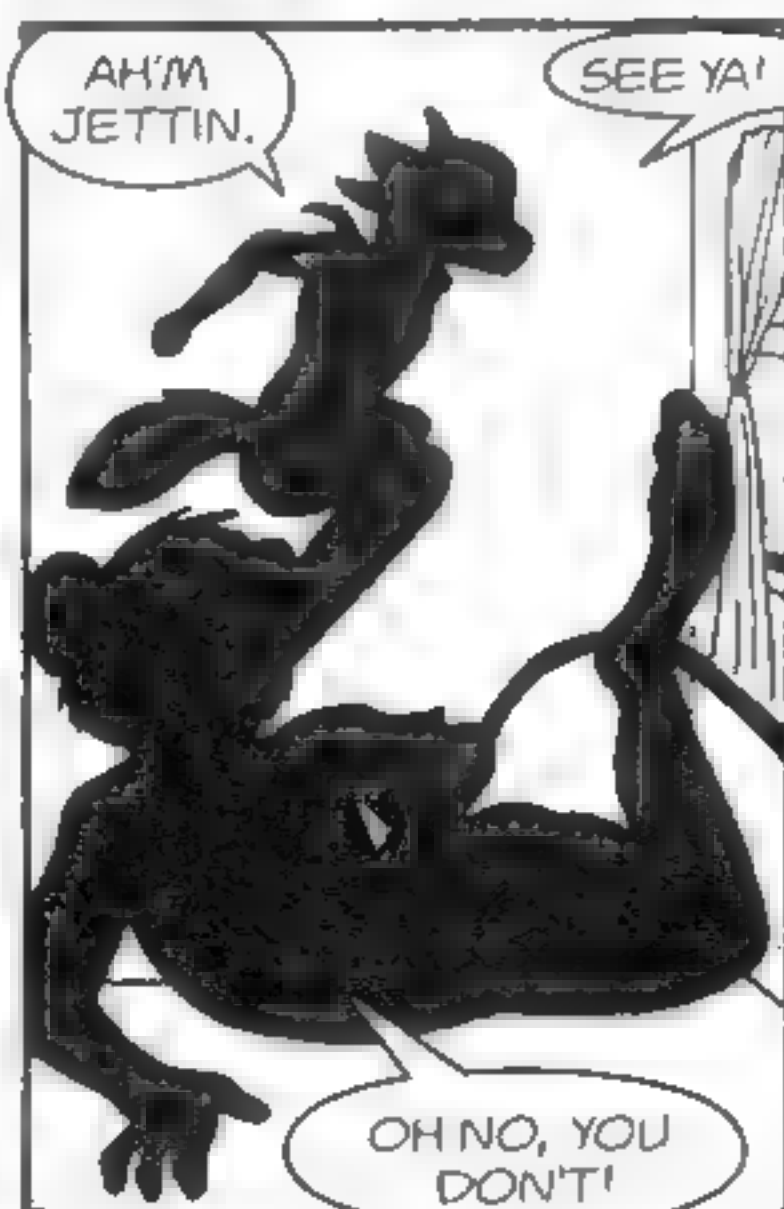
PHIONIX LIVES AGAIN!



NOW, WHO'S  
THE FIRST TO  
DIE?









NOW, YOU'RE GOING TO

HEY

YOU'RE A GIRL!

DUH!

TAKE A PICTURE, IT'LL  
LAST LONGER, AND WATCH  
WHERE YOU'RE PUTTIN' YOUR  
PAWS, CHEESER!





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DID YOU GET ALL THAT, FIREFOX?

SIR, YES SIR...

STILL WITH THAT  
TONE, EH, CAPTAIN?

YES SIR...



HERE, ALL  
YOU NEED  
TO KNOW  
ABOUT THE  
MISSION  
IS IN THIS  
FOLDER.  
CAPTAIN...



ALRIGHT FOXES,  
HOP TO!!!

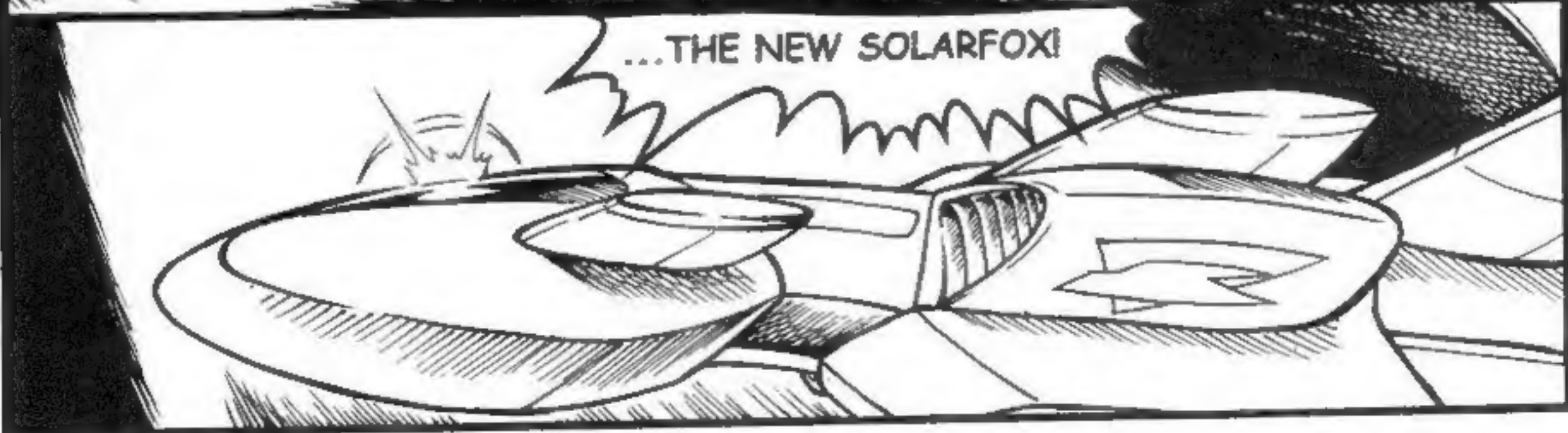


SO WHAT'S YOUR ROLE IN ALL THIS, CAPTAIN?

MY ROLE IS TO KEEP YOU ALL IN LINE,  
LITTLE CAPTAIN. ANYWAY, WE'RE HERE



LEMME INTRODUCE YOU TO...



...THE NEW SOLARFOX!



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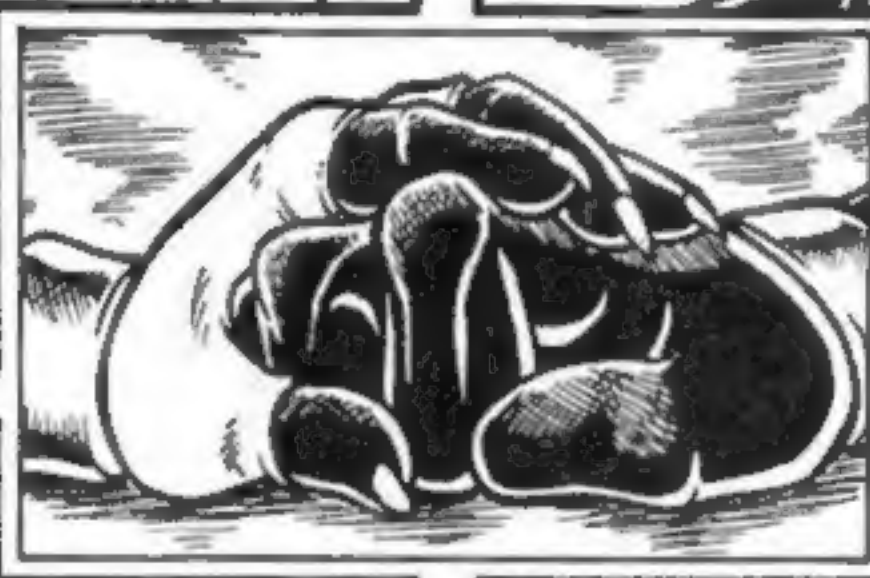
RED? YOU OKAY?

I DON'T KNOW ARTICA, I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK I'M MAKING A HUGE MISTAKE. WE SHOULDN'T BE HERE...

RED, YOU'VE LED US THROUGH A LOT THESE PAST FEW YEARS. DON'T START DOUBTING YOURSELF NOW.

I KNOW BUT STILL...

LOOK, YOU'RE NOT PERFECT AND YOU CAN'T SEE THE FUTURE. JUST DO YOUR BEST AND IT'LL ALL WORK OUT. JUST REMEMBER, I'M ALWAYS BEHIND YOU RED... WE'RE ALL BEHIND YOU.



NOW ARE WE GONNA SIT HERE, OR ARE WE GONNA BUST THIS MISSION WIDE OPEN?!

OKAY SOLARFOXES, PREPARE FOR TAKE OFF!!!



HEH, YOU GOT IT...



TO BE CONTINUED.